GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of aircraft belonging to Air India has been grounded for repairs in India and abroad;

(b) if so, the total fleet strength of Air India (including leased aircraft) and the number of aircraft grounded and not in operation;

(c) whether for a total of twenty operating aircraft Air India is still engaging a crew of 380 pilots; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) and (b) : As on date, Air India have 28 aircraft (including five dry-leased); of which six aircraft are undergoing major checks at Air India`s maintenance facility at Mumbai and one aircraft at M/s Sogerma`s Facility in France.

(c) and (d) : Air India has a mixed fleet of long range and medium range aircraft. Pilots strength is based on fleet size, pattern of operations, duty time and rest requirements a s stipulated b y Directorate General o f Civil Aviation (D GC A),bilaterals, leave requirements, training requirements etc. Presently, Air India has 354 pilots effectively available for flying duties. The current pilots strength is adequate for the present fleet and pattern of operations.